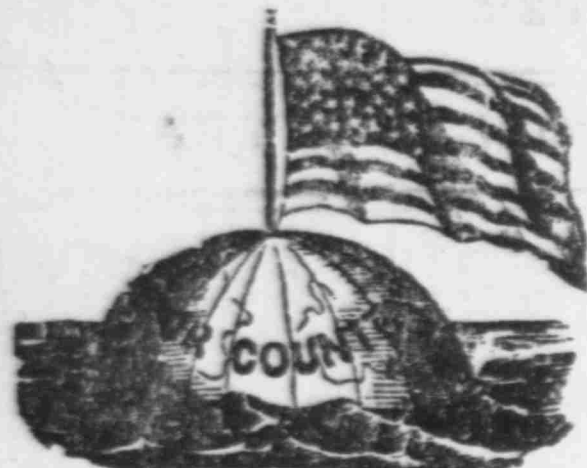


## THE OCALA BANNER

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The Lake county sheriff has been removed.

The Oklawaha river is running very low on account of the lack of rainfall.

Hastings will soon be supplying the earth with potatoes.

The Atlanta Journal says that the hen is doing her annual best to save the country.

The president is still "strenuous" and again has his "big stick" in preparation. He is now after the "stock gamblers."

An Illinois bank robber has been identified as a former plumber. The old game under a new title, that's all.—Atlanta Journal.

The Pittsburg club is having more trouble in signing players this spring than any other team in the major leagues.

There was no step backward in Ocala county. It remains in the "dry" column by more than one hundred majority.

The last issue of the Tallahassee Sun was a most remarkable publication—not a word about the "nest egg," not a word about the "Crimes-Online."

The Tallahassee Sun and the Jacksonville Floridian have buried the hatchet and the two editors are now sweetly reposing under the same coverlet.

Now it is reported that Evelyn Thaw will remarry as soon as she gets her divorce from Harry. Found another crazy one, no doubt.—Atlanta Journal.

Immense crops of cantaloupes and watermelons have been planted in the Ocala region, and at Oxford, Center Hill and Webster in Sumter county.

"We have very few really good voices in America," says an impresario, who is evidently unfamiliar with the great American game of baseball.—Courier-Journal.

The Pensacola News says that there is no discounting the fact that, as far as dignity and ability are concerned, Jeff Browne is far superior to anyone else in the race for governor.—Lake City Index.

Editor Bittinger of the Ocala Star is a candidate for the legislative nomination in Marion county. Wish we could cast a thousand or two votes for him, for he is an honest, upright, able man.—Punta Gorda Herald.

Senator Bryan continues sick in Washington with typhoid fever. The sympathy of all Floridians is extended to him. Sickness is an unwelcome guest at any time, but the young senator's sickness has certainly come upon him at an inopportune moment.

Evelyn Thaw gets \$50,000 down and \$15,000 annually in her settlement with the Thaws. All parties seem pleased. As soon as the divorce proceedings are concluded Thaw's mother will begin strenuous efforts to have him released from the insane asylum.

The yachts of rich men amounting to \$4,000,000, have been put on the market and are offered for sale at greatly reduced prices. Among the number are Gould's, Vanderbilt's, Astor's and Morton Plant's, but Plant will build a bigger one. Plant has made a great deal of money since his father died.

The Tallahassee True Democrat nominates T. J. Appleyard for state comptroller. "Tom" is a clever fellow and a true blue democrat and would make a good official.—Jacksonville Metropolis.

If Editor Appleyard would prove as useful and efficient as comptroller as he has proven as secretary of the Florida Press Association, none better could be found.

The house at Washington has adopted an amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill increasing the pay of letter-carriers. An amendment prohibiting the transmission through the mails of intoxicating liquors was inserted in the bill. The amendment later was altered so as to include cocaine and its derivatives.

## POOR LITTLE BLIND LAMBS

The Pensacola Journal and a number of the other organs of the administration denies the existence of a political machine in Florida, and with a superb air and triumphant manner, repeatedly asks the Ocala Banner to point out this machine.

"Show us!" is the triumphant exclamation.

Well, the Ocala Banner always tries to be accommodating and stands ever ready to give a reason for the justification of its faith and in this case it delivered the goods.

True, it stated that a political machine was unlike the electric motor of a printing press and that its parts could not be separated, examined and exposed to the naked eye. On the contrary, it said it is noiseless and invisible, but effective just the same.

The Ocala Banner went so far as to give an example of the workings of this machine. It could have given many.

It cited the appointment of Bryan and Bryan counsel in some matter connected with the I. I. fund; the appointment of a Bryan in some matter connected with the drainage of the everglades; the appointment of a Bryan solicitor of the criminal court of record of Jacksonville; the appointment of a Bryan on the board of control and the appointment of a Bryan United States senator over the head of John N. C. Stockton, who had long been a friend of the governor and stood as the recognized head of the faction.

How does our resourceful contemporary meet the Ocala Banner's plain exposition of the workings of this machine?

Dead easy. Why, it says that the government itself is nothing but a machine. Hence in governmental affairs machines are necessary.

It again triumphantly proclaims: "Show us that these men are bad men!"

"What a fall, my countrymen!"

Newspapers in Kentucky, like the Ocala Banner in Florida, that have no excuse for their existence except to contribute to the common good, warned the democracy of that state of the existence of an administration machine that meant the disruption of the democratic party, but there were organs like the Pensacola Journal to as stoutly deny the patent fact, and if brought face to face by a production of the goods, they excused and palliated it, the same as the Pensacola Journal and the other administration organs in this state persist in doing.

Rock-rimmed and iron-bound in its democracy as Kentucky was, what does the workings of its political machine reveal to us?

The spectacle of a republican governor and a republican United States senator, that's all—but surely that's enough.

Just a little while ago Kentucky was so largely and overwhelmingly democratic that the late Robert G. Ingersoll, the most celebrated agnostic since the days of Voltaire, said that he would be ready to believe in the existence of a literal hell, hot with fire and brimstone, when Kentucky should go republican.

Brilliant as Ingersoll was, he had no conception of the evil and potential workings of a political machine.

When Colonel Ingersoll made what he thought was an impossible proposition Kentucky was piling up a larger democratic majority than Georgia, and if the machine in Florida is not broken Florida is liable to follow the example of Kentucky.

What are some of the subtle and insinuating operations of this machine in Florida, besides those already mentioned?

The evidence is prolific and within easy memory of us all.

The ignoring in some instances and the setting aside in others of the recommendations of the county executive committees and the nominations of county primary elections, to which policy the governor stood solemnly committed.

He is nominally at least at the head of his party. Now suppose his example is followed, and the democrats of Florida pay no heed to our primary nominations in the November elections and at the next session of the legislature, won't the story of Kentucky likely to be followed in Florida?

Can the governor of the state defiantly set aside the primary law to which he stands committed without his example being followed by others and will not such performances result in the disruption of the party?

And yet these dear little innocent lambs pretend that they cannot see things in the sunlight or even in the limelight.

Beckham and his satellites couldn't or wouldn't see things in Kentucky! It is time to call a halt. The rank and file of the democratic party in Florida should not permit a few men who have possession of the machine to Kentuckyize Florida.

Let us open our eyes and see things and not pretend to be poor little blind lambs!

## A WORD AS TO OUR MUNICIPALITY

One of the best of our exchanges is the California Citigraph. Its columns always contain something attractive and interesting. The last number gives a synopsis of a speech made before the San Bernardino board of trade by one of its citizens, Senator E. C. Seymour.

The senator went on to say a great many very complimentary things about the beauties, resources and attractiveness of that city. He said that it had many surpassing advantages, a fine water supply and fire department, fine schools, a splendid library, elegant stores, enterprising merchants and abundant wealth.

This gentleman said that not long before he visited the neighboring town of Riverside. That he chanced to ask a certain resident how much taxes he paid on his home. One hundred and seven dollars he was told. Then he selected a home in San Bernardino about the same size, style and finish and he asked the owner how much taxes he paid on his home. His answer was forty-eight dollars.

Senator Seymour said that he had not driven two blocks from the man's home in Riverside before he knew from the condition of the streets that the Riverside man's taxes were the cheapest. Why? Because he gets value received for his money. He gets sidewalks and vitrified brick pavements.

Without quibbling words this speaker told the audience assembled around a banqueting board that the people of San Bernardino pay their taxes and get nothing in return for them. Quoting his language, he spoke as follows:

"You spend your time in petty bickerings and squabbles. You have a bad case of apathy. You are not aggressive. You are divided; you are jealous of each other, and so much afraid that somebody will get a little political advantage that you absolutely unite to hold your city back in the ruts. That's what's the matter with you. These are plain words, but who can gainsay the truth of them?"

People rarely complain of high taxes if they see that they get value received. It is when they feel that the money is misspent that bickerings and discontent prevail. The most cheerful tax this writer ever paid was the two hundred and sixty dollar tax he paid for the cement sidewalk and the vitrified brick pavement in front of the little strip of land on which is located the Ocala Banner printing office.

Let this spirit of improvement continue for any length of time and we will have a city that we will all feel proud of and we will all get our money's worth by inducing a larger population and in turn a largely enhanced valuation of our property.

Lets get together and not be divided by petty or other jealousies and join hands in the upbuilding of our beautiful little city.

We must not Kentuckyize Ocala!

## ARE WE COUSIN TO THE CHICKEN?

We have a little chicken at our home that seems to be afflicted with rheumatism of the legs. It walks with great difficulty. The sad part of its affliction seems to be that it gets no sympathy and every strong, robust chicken in the yard pecks at it and jumps on it.

How like human beings. When a fellow mortal is down, how we like to jump on him, kick, beat and bruise him!

This is the sad picture we find running through all the pages of history. Mr. Henry George, in his last chapter of "Progress and Poverty," impressively and sadly calls attention to this potential and grievous wrong.

Men who so loved the world that they devoted their whole lives to advocating and instituting measures intended solely for the amelioration of the condition of its population, adding attractiveness to their lives and infusing a larger and healthier moral and religious tone to their surroundings, were met with the jeers and jibes of the multitude, even to the extent of suffering agony and death on the cross!

How far are we uplifted from the brute? Are we not cousin to the chicken that pecks at and jumps on one of its crippled members merely for the reason that it is helpless!

How we love to kick the man who is down!

Mr. John Temple Graves, who a few months ago went with Hearst's New York American with the blowing of many trumpets, has already severed his connection with that great newspaper and will hereafter devote his talents to the lecture platform. Hearst's politics are even more peculiar than Graves', as peculiar as Graves' are; hence the split. If we could get democrats back to old-fashioned democracy how much better off the country would be. "Old time democracy," like "old time religion," is the best.

## OUR GREAT BIG NAVY

And now comes our esteemed contemporary, the Pensacola Journal, and says in so many words that it does not like the position of this paper on our navy.

Well, it is true, perhaps, that this paper is somewhat peculiar and somewhat different from most of its contemporaries in that it is opposed to all forms of hypocrisy and refuses—Janus-like—to pretend that it is looking one way when it is really looking some other way. In other words, it refuses to subscribe to the maxim: "In God we trust," when really the trust of the country is in its formidable navy, which it now has on dress parade, and in its large standing army.

As a nation we pretend to be the followers of the "Prince of Peace," yet we favor putting it on a strong war footing, and making the sea coast alive with destructive engines of war.

The "Prince of Peace" never resorted to these measures in his struggles for the conquest of the world.

Christ, indeed, was a non-combatant.

Nowhere can it be found in his career that he glorified in the war spirit and bowed down and worshipped at the feet of the man in gold braid and gaudy epaulettes.

We pretend to be a great Christian nation, and yet our pride is in our large standing army and our matchless navy, which costs more than we spend on all other forms of improvements.

We see soldiers drilling in every community, and see on display guns, pistols, swords, daggers, brass and steel knucks, and other implements suggesting the shedding of blood, and yet regularly every Sabbath day we repair to our chapels, churches and altars and proclaim with greatunction, "In God we Trust," when we know we do nothing of the kind, but put our trust in material things—a large navy and standing army.

Oh! the hypocrisy and mockery of it all!

But looking at it purely from a material point of view inventions crowd so rapidly upon each other that our seacoast defenses and battle ships of today become useless tomorrow.

In a little while we will be throwing bombs from balloons which will quickly put our new battleships out of commission the same as our older ones were put out of commission by later ones of more improved construction.

In international disputes all Christian people in all Christian nations should insist on a court of arbitration.

## GAINESVILLE JOINS HANDS WITH JACKSONVILLE

We are just informed by a commercial traveler that a young man blew into Gainesville some time ago in search of work. Perhaps he had heard of the sweet moral tone that pervades the University City and almost sets it apart by itself. But he had hardly landed there before the vigilant officials seized him as a malefactor and armed with our disgraceful vagrancy laws convicted him as a felon and sent him to the phosphate camps for ninety days.

After serving thirty days of his sentence he got one of his arms crushed and it was amputated Wednesday night at Dunnellon by Dr. Baskin, and he now lies in the hospital in this city in a precarious condition.

"Oh, liberty!" cried Madame Roland, "what crimes are committed in thy name!"

Why don't all good people, inside and outside the churches, get busy and say that these infamies must stop?

It makes one sick at heart!

## A POOR MAN FOR SENATOR

Senator Bryan says he is going to see if a poor man can be elected United States senator. We know of no poor man who is in the race for that office in this state.—Lake Butler Star.

Right you are, Mr. Editor. Mr. Bryan is not in the class who can be called poor, as he has, or can get, the means to make the race. What the people are interested in is what are the qualities of the man who aspires to a seat in the United States senate. They want an honest, able man, who is experienced, and has a record behind him indicating what he has worked for, and who will continue to work for the people. Such a candidate is running for the United States senate, and it will not be hard for the people to appreciate him if they will study his public record.—Bartow Record.

Poverty is a very poor qualification for office if it is the only qualification. Really the voter should be blind to the candidate's material and physical condition and should be influenced solely by his mental, moral and political equipment.

Another good feature of the prevailing millinery is its adaptability as a disguise. Purchasers can make themselves look like a front lawn or a pine thicket.—Atlanta Journal.

## A LITTLE ROUGH ON THE TALLAHASSEE EDITOR

Claude L'Engle, in his last edition of the Sun, reiterates his lie that this paper is being published through the instrumentality of a type setting machine, "which represents cash advanced by Broward, Stockton and Barrs."

Claude sprung the lie and it was effectually answered and replied to in the News-Record, but Claude tells the people that he did not see the answer.

But he tells the story again. The fun of it is that Claude arrogates to himself one of the attributes of the Deity, that of omniscience. He knows everything.

Why, he saw all there was of the whole scheme of everglade draining within an hour or two, and settled the matter.

But he didn't see the News-Record's repudiation of his mendacious falsehood. Speaking of Hessians, every school boy knows that during the war of the revolution King George III. purchased something like twenty-two thousand troops from the Landgrave of Hesse-Cassel to fight the people of this country.

Since that time the term "hessian" has come to denote a hired fighter.

That's Claude. He's a hessian. He fights for his last purchaser.

Sutherland, one of the "gum bunch" had him at one time, but his money gave out.

Now, he's fighting for the governor. Nobody knows who his next owner will be, after his administration fades away.—Miami News-Record.

## THE GOVERNOR APPLAUDED

The governor has suspended R. A. Jackson, sheriff of Hillsborough county, the cause, it is alleged, being drunkenness. If the charges are capable of being sustained, the action of the governor is much to be commended. The people have a right to demand—and they are demanding—that those to whom they entrust the enforcement of the law shall be morally correct in their manner of living. It is a gratifying commentary on the state of public sentiment in Florida that the people are more than ever insistent that applicants for official positions shall measure up to a high standard of morality and sobriety. Of course, it's tough on the good, clever fellow who is called down merely for taking "a social drink," or playing "a social game," and we all sympathize with him, but such men are not calculated to uphold the dignity of the law, or inspire the respect for it that is essential to the well-being of society.—Lakeland News.

## PRESIDENT THINKS WELL OF PLAN

William T. Ellis of Philadelphia, who has traveled extensively in the Far East, proposed to the president that the latter suggest to China that the \$13,000,000 that is to be returned to China from the \$24,000,000 awarded as compensation for the Boxer outbreak, be devoted to higher education of young men of that country, including the building of colleges and sending students to American universities. Mr. Roosevelt is said to have given tentative approval to the plan, if it could be sent forth practically.

While everyone is aware that a heavy passenger traffic is being carried on over the Knight's Key extension, no one has given much thought to the freight business, which is fully in proportion to that of the passenger trains. The freight train which arrived here last Saturday from Knight's Key brought up twenty-eight loaded cars of freight. The south bound freight train Tuesday morning carried out thirteen cars of local and through freight. Most of the latter was billed to Havana, Cuba. Each week the demand on the Knight's Key road grows and this summer will see heavy work on all freight trains to that place.—Miami News-Record.

## BABY GIRL CRIED AND SCRATCHED

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"I used all the remedies that everybody told me about and I tortured the child almost to death. Then I saw in the paper how Cuticura was the thing for irritating skin. I bathed her with warm water and Cuticura Soap and used the Cuticura Ointment. She was cured in three months. Now her skin is as clear and smooth as it could be. I shall recommend the use of Cuticura wherever I see the skin in bad condition. Alice L. Dowell, 4769 Easton Ave., St. Louis, Mo., May 2 and 20, 1907."

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Editor C. L. Bittinger, of the Ocala Star, has announced himself a candidate for the Legislature from Marion county. Now, Editor Bittinger is just as good as the best of them, and a long ways better than the most of them, so what's the matter with the people among whom he has lived these many years making him a lawmaker. If we could have a legislature of newspaper men and not professional politicians, ignoramuses, etc., we would have better laws, better government and better conditions all around.—Miami Metropolis.

The orange, grapefruit, lime and mango trees are blooming and the quantity is evidence for a good crop for the coming season. A visit to an orange or a grapefruit grove now is a delight, as one cannot only see the ripened fruit on the trees, but also green fruit and blossoms, and the air is heavy with fragrance of the beautiful bloom.—Tropical Sun.

The Journal, in the name of the people of Florida, returns thanks to Congressman Frank Clark for giving Mr. Bonaparte a jolt, even though it cut his self-esteem, and may bring him to a more just and patriotic view of the case.—Pensacola Journal.

Good luck to Editor Bittinger of the Ocala Star, and may he land safely in Florida's legislature which he will adorn with his personality and enrich with his intellectuality.—Tampa Tribune.

Dr. James R. Day, chancellor of Syracuse University, is to be placed on trial by the Methodist Episcopal church for having criticised President Roosevelt. "What fools these mortals be!"—Jasper Times.

The American battleship fleet persists in its refusal to fall to pieces for the benefit of the critics.—Atlanta Journal.

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